

1 WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing apparatus  
comprising:

reading means for reading image information  
including character data such as a phone number  
recorded in a recording medium;

recognizing means for recognizing the character  
data in the image information read by said reading  
means;

registering means for registering the character  
data recognized by said recognizing means;

searching means for searching a desired phone  
number from the character data registered in said  
registering means; and

control means for performing communication  
processing on the basis of the phone number searched by  
said searching means.

2. An apparatus according to claim 1, further  
comprising display means for displaying the image  
information read by said reading means and the  
character data recognized by said recognizing means.

3. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the  
character data recognized by said recognizing means is  
registered in said registering means in accordance with  
a type of the character data.

4. An apparatus according to claim 1, further  
comprising:

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1 display means for displaying the character data registered in said registering means in accordance with a type of the character data; and means for correcting and changing the character data displayed on said display means.

5. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said <sup>communication</sup> control means performs control of making a phone call on the basis of the phone number searched <sup>for</sup> by said searching means.

10 6. An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising storage means for storing a document to be transmitted,

wherein said control means performs control of transmitting the document to be transmitted stored in said storage means on the basis of the phone number searched by said searching means.

15 7. An information processing apparatus comprising:

20 reading means for reading phone number information recorded in a recording medium;

storage means for storing a plurality of pieces of phone number information read by said reading means;

selecting means for selecting one of the pieces of phone number information stored in said storage means;

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1 control means for performing communication  
processing on the basis of the phone number selected by  
said selecting means.

5 8. An apparatus according to claim 7, further  
comprising display means for displaying the phone  
number information read by said reading means.

a G 10 9. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein  
said <sup>communication</sup> control means performs control of making a phone  
call on the basis of the phone number selected by said  
selecting means.

10. An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein  
said reading means is located on an upper surface of a  
main body of said information processing apparatus.

15 11. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein  
said display means comprises a liquid crystal display  
device.

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